

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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TOPIC Military Information from Gotha

EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 20 June to 11 July 1952, the barracks installations on Sundhausener Strasse, Gotha (W 51/J 06), quartered about 500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and were equipped with submachine guns, machine guns and 50-mm mortars. The unit was engaged in combat training daily, with groups up to 100 men being seen in the training area on Am Krahnberg. 25X1

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2. On 10 July, 14 new, 25X1 amphibious cars were seen on the Gotha-Schwabhausen road. Trucks 25X1 were identified with these cars. On 26 June, a signal unit consisting of about 40 men quartered in tents and equipped with 15 radio cars 25X1 was observed on Boxberg west of the Sundhausen-Gospiteroda road. 25X1

* 25X1 Comment. According to service color and equipment with 50-mm caliber weapons, the unit observed is believed to be an element of the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div there. According to periodic reports, it appears that a large part of the regiment is at the installation most of the time, while some elements are detached for border guard duty. 25X1

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